

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated July 29, 2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the nature of the temporary registration allocated to the sensing device. Accordingly, claim 1 now specifies that the temporary registration is based on the telecommunication address of the relay device. Claim 1 specifies the additional step of storing the temporary registration in a registration database. And claim 1 specifies that the temporary registration is used to identify a return telecommunication address for sending information to the user. Corresponding amendments have been made to claim 15

Having considered the Examiner's comments in the recent Office Action, the Applicant maintains that claim 1 is not obvious in view of Norris. As previously noted by the Applicant, Norris teaches a registration protocol for a digital pen whereby biometric identity data is associated with the pen at registration and then checked each time the pen interacts with the system. The Examiner states that Norris's registration may be done temporarily (or that "temporary" is a non-functional limitation) and has thus maintained the rejection of claim 1.

However, the temporary registration used in the present invention is based on a telecommunication address harvested from a relay device during pen interaction. In other words, the use of the pen in connection with a relay device allocates the temporary registration to the pen identity. This temporary registration is stored in a registration database so that the user's temporary address can be looked up for sending information to the user. Subsequent use of the pen with a different relay device (*e.g.* mobile phone) results in a new temporary registration with a new telecommunication address being registered and stored in the system.

The kernel of the Applicant's invention is not the temporary nature or otherwise of sensing device registration, as the Examiner surmises. Rather, the present invention is to do with the use of a relay device, which transmits interaction data from the sensing device, as a source of information for temporary registration of the sensing device – the registration stored by the system is based on the telecommunications address of the relay device.

In the Applicant's submission, Norris's biometric registration protocol does not obviously lead to the present invention, because there is nothing in Norris teaching the skilled person to replace or modify biometric registration of the pen with a temporary registration based on the telecommunications address of a relay device. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present invention, as defined in claims 1 and 15, is not obvious in view of Norris, either when taken alone or when combined with Braun.

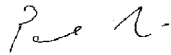
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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